



INTERNATIONAL FLOORBALL FEDERATION (IFF)

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IFF RC meeting, 27-28. February 2016 Hotel Scandic Hvidovre, Copenhagen, Denmark

Participants

Klaus Koskela, Chairman
Lukas Gyger, Vice-Chairman
Pierre Boudville
Radek Hora
Mats Öster
Veli Halonen, RC secretary

1 § Opening and welcome

- Mr. Koskela opened the meeting at 09:00 and welcomed all RC members to the meeting.

2 § Feedback and reports from the WFCQs played in February 2016

- Mr. Halonen gave reports of the WFCQs and about two referee seminars held in conjunction with the WFCQ AOFC and WFCQ Americas. In general, the tournaments went quite well from the referee point of view. Some minor issues occurred, but in general the RC was pleased with the work of the referees and observers in all the qualification tournaments.

3 § Referee and observer Classifications

- The RC updated the classifications of the IFF referees. Four pairs were promoted to Gold level. The RC objective for Gold pairs from eight different countries has not become reality so far, but the RC is working on that issue constantly. At the time there are Gold Level pairs from five IFF Member Associations.

4 § Observer and referee nominations for the women's WU19 WFC 2016

- The RC decided to nominate following eight referee pairs and three observers for the Women's U19 WFC 2016 in Canada:

Tero Kontinen/Jukka Kortinen CAN
Martin Petrik/Tom Podlesny CZE
Lucie Hejnova/Jitka Romancakova CZE



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Juhani Kirves/Henrik Snellman FIN
Teemu Rannikko/Petri Suhonen FIN
Therese Edin/Frida Nilsson SWE
Roland Brändle/Remo Niedermann SUI
Sandra Zurbuchen/Corina Wehinger SUI

The head of the referees:

Mats Öster Sweden

Observers

Radek Hora Czech Republic
Marjo Alanko Finland

5 § New physical tests for international referees

- RC has discussed about the renovation of the physical tests and it was now decided that the 1500 metres run will be replaced with Yo-Yo test. The 160 m technical running track test still remains. Mr. Öster and Mr. Halonen will check the time limits for the test during the week 9 2016 and the information will be sent to IFF Member Associations by 4th of March 2016.

6 § The IFF way of refereeing seminar for IFF observers

- The RD decided to organize a seminar for IFF observers during the early days of the WFC 2016 in Latvia in Riga. IFF member associations, which have IFF observers would cover the travels and accommodation costs of their participants. IFF will cover the costs of the educator for that seminar. The seminar would last for two days and requires one-night accommodation. Mr. Öster and Mr. Halonen to plan the program for the education. The EFT countries will send their own proposals for the agenda by the 15th of September 2016 and the agenda and schedule will be handled in the next IFF RC meeting in the end of September 2016.

7 § Reports of the measuring of the goalkeepers' facemasks.

- Mr. Halonen reported about the results of the measuring of the goalkeeper's facemasks in the IFF events from the beginning of the season. The measuring has been carried out in Champions Cup, EFC Final Round, Women's WFC 2015 and in all the men's WFC 2016 qualifications. There haven't been main problems, just minor issues mainly with the approved goalkeeper's helmets. The national teams and the



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club teams in IFF events have acted very positively towards the checking of the goalkeeper helmets.

8 § New IFF observer Guidelines

- Mr. Koskela to present the new guidelines for the IFF observers. There has been a need for that, because it seems that it has not been crystal clear for IFF observers how to coach and educate the referees during the IFF major events. RC handled two separate guideline proposals and the work with the documents continue and the RC members will also discuss about the topic in their national RCs in order to complete the documents. The new guidelines will be presented to IFF observers during the seminar in Riga in December 2016.

9 § IFF RC tournament and game appointment guidelines

- Mr. Halonen presented the updated guidelines for the RC to make the referee nominations for the tournaments and individual games. The guidelines are the same as they have been before, but now just written under one document. The basic idea is that the IFF RC can nominate referees from all IFF referee groups; Ordinary group, development group and AOFC development group, based on RC's consideration of the level of the tournament.
- RC also discussed about the proposal from the Finnish and Swedish national teams if they could test during some international weekend in friendly games having Finnish and Swedish referees to referee games between Finland and Sweden. RC had a wide discussion about the issue and since the RC has also given the permission to other IFF member associations to have referees from playing countries in order to reduce the costs then the RC also grants this testing possibility to all IFF member association in some selected friendly tournaments based on the proposals from the IFF member associations.

Otherwise all the IFF events will also in the future be refereed by neutral referee pairs and in most of the friendly tournaments as well. The games refereed by referees from the playing countries is more like an exception and the RC needs to give the permission for that.

10 § RACC proposal about the usage of the national flags of the IFF referees in IFF events

- The IFF RACC sent a question to the IFF RC about the usage of the national flags of the IFF referees in the IFF tournaments. The RC does not have a problem if the national flags of the referees are not used in the IFF events. The basic idea is that the referees are IFF referees and are covered by the IFF flag.

11 § The next meeting will take place on 24th to 25th of September somewhere in Europe.



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12 § Closing the meeting

- Mr. Koskela thanked the RC members for a good meeting and for a very efficient working day on Saturday and closed the meeting at 13:00